

WORK SHEET

Module 3.2 Calculating Feet Traveled Per Second

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Calculating Feet Traveled Per Second Formula	Score
One mile = 5,280 feet	
The formula:	
5,280 feet ÷ 60 min ÷ 60 Sec = 1.467 feet traveled per second	
or simplified method:	
speed (say it's 30mph) ÷ 2 = 15 + speed (30mph) = 45 feet/second traveled	
INSTRUCTIONS	
Use the formula to calculate the distance a vehicle travels at these various speeds.	
25mph =	
35mph =	
45mph =	
55mph =	
65mph =	
75mph =	
Solve this problem: John travels to school every day averaging 30mph. (This time does not account for any stops, delays, etc., which does not typically occur!) He travels 6 miles one way. How long does it take him to get to school?	
John is late one day and increases speed to 40mph. How much time does he save?	

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WORK SHEET Answer Key

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- 30mph x 1.467 = $4\overline{4}$ feet per second traveled
- 44 feet x 60 seconds in a minute = 2640 feet per minute (1/2 mile)
- 6 miles x 5,280 feet (mile) = 31,680 feet in 6 miles
- 31,680 feet (6 miles) 2640 feet (minute) = Takes 12 minutes for 6 miles

John is late one day and speeds up to 40mph. How much time does he save?

- 40mph x 1.467 = 58.5 feet per second traveled
- $58.5 \times 60 \text{ seconds} = 3510 \text{ feet per minute}$
- 6 miles $\times 5280 = 31680$ feet in 6 miles
- 31680 feet 3510 = 9 minutes

He may get there 3 minutes earlier, if he doesn't get stopped by law enforcement in which case he will really be late! He would benefit by not leaving for school late.